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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, April 20.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, 02.
Temperature, Max. 78; Min. 70. Weather, variable.

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SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.88c. Per Ton, \$77.60.
SS Analysis Beets, 10s. 4 1/2d. \$83.80.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1909.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

MORE TAX BURDENS BY BILL PASSED IN THE TERRITORIAL SENATE

A Special Levy of a Quarter of One Per Cent in Place of Bonding.

There will be more tax burdens for the people of the Territory if the bill that was passed yesterday by the Senate meets with the approval of the House of Representatives and the Governor. Senate Bill 139 is the official title of the measure, and it provides that the Board of Supervisors of all the counties of the Territory can, with the approval of the Governor, levy an additional tax of not more than one-quarter of one per cent upon property now subject to the regular tax rate of one per cent.

Senator Fairchild took the lead in urging the passage of the bill yesterday and Senator W. O. Smith reiterated his objections to the increase of the tax burden at the discretion of the Boards of Supervisors. He urged that it was contrary to the principles of American government, and that the development of the Territory had not reached a point when measures of taxation could be left to the judgment of a few men. He argued that the imposition of further tax business was something which the Territory should try to avoid.

Senator Fairchild took the stand that the provisions of the bill were amply safeguarded from abuse, and that the stipulation which made the approval of the Governor necessary before the special tax could be levied, was sufficient guarantee that it would not be subject to being levied without good cause. The bill as passed by the Senate regulates the disposition of the money that is secured through the levying of the special county tax. The funds can only go for the construction of new school-houses, hospitals, courthouses, jails or other necessary buildings and for the purchase or construction of such water and sewer systems as shall have been approved by the Governor.

The Senate majority has gone on record as believing that residents of Hawaii are not better qualified to administer the offices of Government in the Territory than some hungry constituent of a United States Senator. By a vote of eight to seven the Senate yesterday voted against the passage of the resolution drawn to respectfully show that the sentiment of the people of Hawaii was in favor of being governed by residents of these islands.

In moving for the adoption of the resolution Chairman Knudsen of the Senate Committee on Judiciary stated that the resolution covered the subject in a satisfactory manner and that the committee recommended its passage.

Receive House Bills.

House Bill No. 200, giving warehousemen a lien on storage, passed first reading, as did also House Bill 221, relating to court decisions. House Bill 222, relating to bail, and House Bill No. 225, relating to tax liens, passed first reading. House Bill 226, re-

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The House Carries Out Biggest Program of Session—Table Uni- form Bill.

Yesterday was a day of dreary routine in the House, with eighteen bills put through third readings and a mass of other work attended to. For the greater part of the day, Rice sat in the chair, Speaker Holstein having asked to be excused from attendance until Saturday, in order to allow him to go home and visit a sick son.

One of the most important measures finally passed was one empowering the Superintendent of Public Works to install water meters in connection with the waterworks and charge consumers accordingly, while the important bill defeated was that establishing a board of examiners to pass upon the qualifications of applicants to practise veterinary medicine.

The bill to borrow \$100,000 for the improvement of the Honolulu harbor and \$100,000 for a Kula pipeline passed, while a new bill was introduced making stricter the requirement that all corporations file annual reports of their business with the Treasurer yearly. Chillingworth's bill prohibiting the wearing of a uniform or any part of it belonging to the Army, Navy or National Guard was beaten.

Thirty Minutes.

The reading of the minutes of the tri-session day before took half an hour, after which a batch of routine communications from the Senate were read and received.

The Finance Committee dug up a report to present, this being on House Bill 224, to fix a tax rate on insurance companies. The report recommended the bill, saying something therein about "policy holders." This was hastily changed to "policy holders" and the report was adopted.

Boosts All Proper.

The Hawaii members, as a special committee, reported on Senate Bill 127, to boost Hawaii county salaries. All the boosts were approved of and one other recommended, that being for the Deputy Sheriff of North Kona, who goes up from \$960 a year to \$1080. The report was adopted.

"Last, but Not Least."

Sheldon presented a new bill, "the last, but not least," he styled it. This is a bill amending section 2566 of the Revised Laws relating to the annual exhibits of corporations. The bill provides that all industrial corporations shall annually present "a full and accurate" exhibit of the state of its affairs to the Treasurer as of December 31 of each year. The reports must be filed within sixty days of January 1. The exhibits are to be examined and the results of such examination may be laid before the Governor. Failure to provide a report may be punished by fine and imprisonment, while the books of the corporation may be gone through to secure or verify the information given.

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APPROPRIATION BILL NOW IN THE COMMITTEE'S HANDS

The members of the joint conference committee on the appropriation bill are discovering that the problem of territorial finance is a bit complicated. They have made the same discovery in regard to the rules of parliamentary procedure as applied to joint conference committees in general and the one on the appropriation bill in particular.

Representative Joel Cohen is the chairman of the committee and he is doing his best to smooth out the obstacles that seem to confront the committee in its attempt to reach an agreement on the provisions of the appropriation bill.

The differences between the Senate and the House on the methods of making the territorial expenditures come within hailing distance of the revenues are very pronounced—so pronounced that it will require all the diplomatic talents of Chairman Cohen to guide the conferees away from the shoals of fruitless discussion and dispute.

The joint conference committee began its work Monday and consideration of the salary appropriation for the new

office of Adjutant General showed at once that it is going to be hard work for the Senate and the House to reach a compromise upon any question in which there is a decided difference of opinion. In the appropriation bill as it was passed by the House, the salary attached to the office of Adjutant General was \$200 a month, in place of the \$225 recommended in the estimate submitted by the Governor. The Senate endorsed the figure recommended by the Governor. When the bill was taken up in the conference committee, the House majority were insistent that \$200 was the proper salary for the head of the militia department. It was passed at that amount, but with the advocates of \$225 discontented and uneasy.

Another question is whether the minority is bound by the action of the majority—making a majority vote appear as the unanimous opinion of the committee. Senator Chillingworth brought the issue up yesterday afternoon and there seemed to be a decided difference of opinion as to whether the minority should fall into line with the majority or have its dissenting opinions go on record.

WASHINGTON WILL SETTLE DISPUTE

Question of Paying for Work
of Hawaiian Translating
Referred There.

The whole question of the legality of the use of the Hawaiian language in the Legislature, so far as the use of Federal money to pay for it is concerned, is to be referred to Washington and the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury accepted as final.

This was decided upon yesterday in the course of the passing on the voucher presented from the House against the Federal appropriation to pay Piianai for translating the House Journal into Hawaiian, the Speaker, Representative Castro and Secretary Mott-Smith having deliberated over the question after Piianai's voucher had been held up and payment refused. In the meanwhile the translator will be paid out of Territorial money.

This was brought to a head yesterday, when Secretary Mott-Smith wrote the following communication to Representative Castro:

"Your note of the 20th instant, with copy of letter of the 19th instant addressed by H. L. Holstein to yourself, in regard to the duties of Mr. A. St. C. Piianai as Assistant Journal Clerk, has been received.

"Until I have had opportunity of referring this matter to the Comptroller of the Treasury for his opinion, the course suggested by Mr. Holstein would appear to be the better one to follow; that is, that Mr. Piianai be appointed 'Hawaiian translator,' and his salary charged against the Territorial and not to the Federal appropriation for legislative expenses.

"I shall also take the opportunity of asking the opinion of the Comptroller on the general question, whether cost of translation and printing in the Hawaiian language may be charged to the Federal appropriation on the broad ground that the words, 'Legislative Proceedings,' as used in the Organic Act are confined in their meaning to the actual proceedings on the floor, the presentation, reading and passage of motions, resolutions, bills and the like and do not include translation and printing in the Hawaiian language which is ordinarily done for the convenience of legislators in preparation for 'Legislative Proceedings.'"

RUMOR THAT SHIP DIRIGO IS ASHORE ON MOLOKAI SENDS JAMES MAKEE OUT

Rumor had it last night that a vessel had been wrecked on the coast of Molokai, and although the story could not be traced to a definite source, Captain Miller dispatched the little steamer James Makee, Captain McAlister, on a hurry-up run to the island last night on the chance that the tale might be true. The American ship Dirigo, bound from Delaware Breakwater for Honolulu, is now 17 days out, and may have gone ashore on the Molokai rocks.

Captain Miller said last night that he had secured his information from some of the customs officials, but on investigation it was found that one of these had learned the story indirectly from one of Captain Miller's sailors on the Makee.

The James Makee left at 10:30 last night, and will arrive at Molokai at daybreak. Miller gave his men instructions to look on the weather side of the island. There is very little wind outside, and has been but little the last forty-eight hours, according to a report brought in by the schooner W. H. Marston yesterday.

While no fears have been felt for the safety of the Dirigo as yet, she is on the due list and has been expected to arrive here any day. Captain Goodwin is her master.

TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH

Waiahole Bridge Matter Has
Become a Jumbled
Mess.

That too many cooks spoil the broth seems applicable to the present Board of Supervisors with reference to the bungling of repair work on the Waiahole bridge, which was partially destroyed in the freshets of March. Nobody seems to know how much the remainder of the job will cost, nor how long it will take, nor how much cement it will require to make the bridge safe. The Waiahole bridge has become the bogy of the board, and in the middle Road Overseer Paele of Koolauoko district seems to be the under dog.

The Mayor called attention to the distressing state of affairs at the Waiahole bridge at last night's session of the board, having just returned from the bridge with Supervisor Kane, which they visited to learn the truth of the situation. After the Mayor made a statement of his observations, giving his ideas as to the further cost of repairs, Supervisor Quinn made a contra-statement, denying the truth of some of the Mayor's information. The Mayor thought the cost would be something like \$2000; Quinn thought it would be a few hundreds, and Engineer Gene added other figures.

The whole Waiahole incident has been the cause of more recrimination among the board members than any other job, and it will crop up again unless all signs fail.

The Mayor stated that when he visited the bridge yesterday a mechanic from Honolulu was patching up the old engine and pump which is making an effort to suck the coffer-dam dry of water so that the cement work can be done. The engine is apparently on its last legs. The Mayor thought the work would not be finished for at least two weeks, if then. The bridge has been costing all kinds of money thus far, and he thought it would cost thousands to make complete. There are other bridges to be fixed and repaired and rebuilt, and he did not believe such work should be done out of the district's appropriation, but special appropriations should be made from the (Continued on Page Two.)

BRIGADE OF SULTAN'S TROOPS GO OVER TO CONSTITUTIONAL SIDE

The Sultan Awaiting His Fate and Ready to
Abdicate—Refugees at an American
Missionary College.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 21.—Five thousand troops of the imperial garrison have deserted to the constitutionalists. The Sultan is awaiting his fate.

REFUGEES IN BAD SHAPE.

ADANA, April 21.—Four thousand refugees, gathered at the American college, are in a pitiable condition.

READY TO ABDICATE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.—Sultan Abdul Hamid is ready to abdicate the throne if granted the terms which he desires. The trouble still continues in Adana and Smyrna and 5000 have been killed. The Prince of Samos, a Turk, has been assassinated.

TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The battleships North Carolina and Montana have been ordered to Alexandria for the protection of American interests.

IF JOHNSON BESTS KETCHELL JEFFRIES WILL FIGHT VICTOR

NEW YORK, April 20.—Jim Jeffries has reclaimed his title as heavyweight champion of the world. He declares that he is willing to fight Jack Johnson in London in January.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Jeffries announced in a theater last night that he will fight Johnson if the latter defeats Ketchell.

CUBAN ANNEXATION MEASURE

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Representative Helm has introduced a bill in the House providing for the annexation of Cuba when a majority of Cubans vote favorably.

COLIMA IN ERUPTION

CITY OF MEXICO, April 21.—There is a severe eruption of the volcano of Colima, accompanied by a violent earthquake.

POLICE GRAFTER INDICTED

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—Ex-Chief of Police Roadhead has been indicted for receiving bribes to protect vice.

A HAWAIIAN THE VICTIM

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—The body of Mrs. Alice Brandt, a Hawaiian woman, was found here today. It showed marks of a severe beating and it is evident that her death resulted from this cause. The police are searching for Henry Fisher from Hilo, Hawaii, who is believed to be implicated in the matter.

AMERICAN LED REBELS.

TABRIZ, Persia, April 20.—Homer Baskerville an American teacher, who has been acting as the leader of the revolutionary party, has been killed.

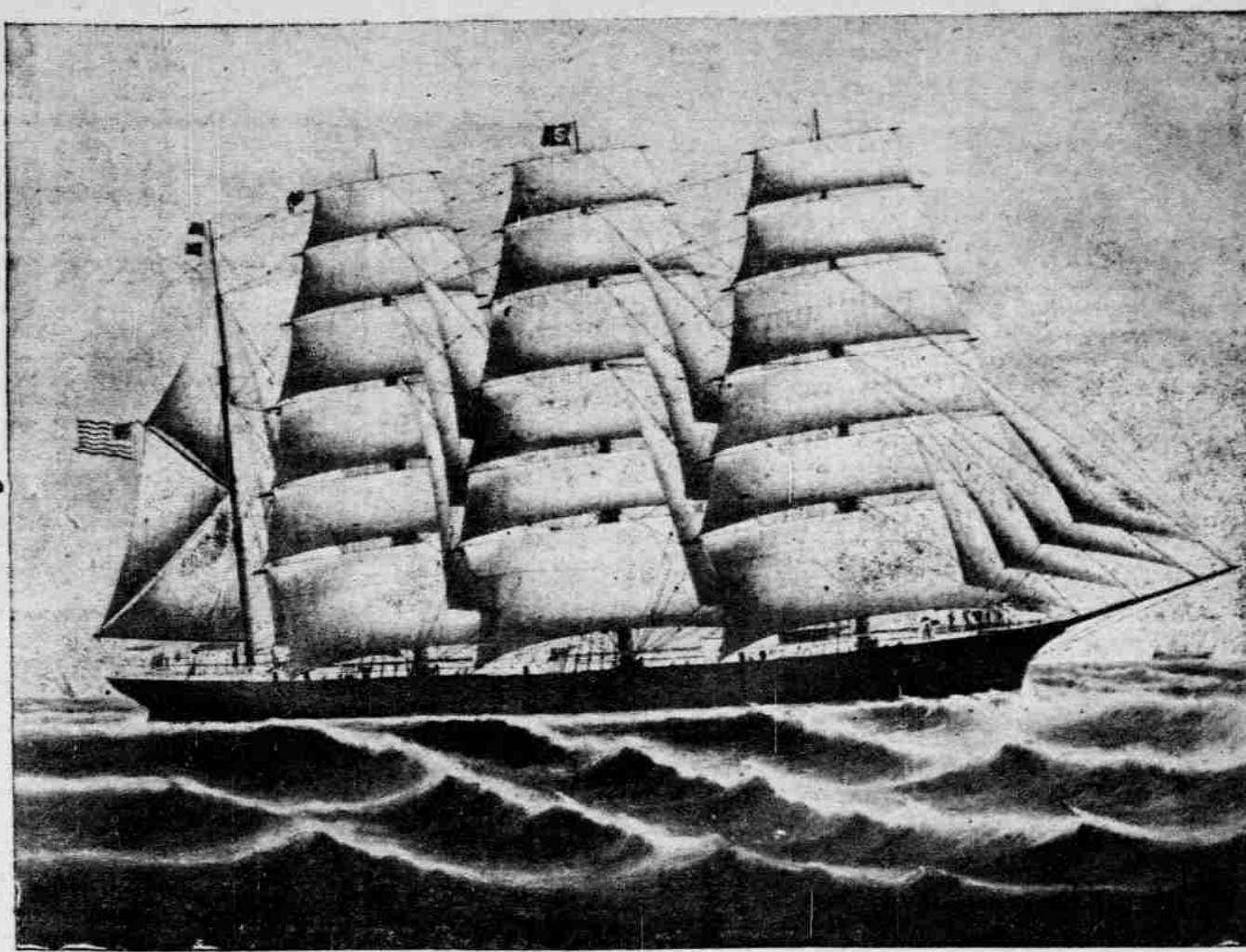
MRS. SACHS DIED AT QUEEN'S HOSPITAL

Mrs. Fannie Sachs, wife of N. S. Sachs, head of the firm of N. S. Sachs & Co., died last night between 9 and 10 o'clock at the Queen's Hospital after a long illness. The funeral, the date of which has not been decided, upon, will be private and friends are asked to omit flowers.

Mrs. Sachs was taken ill in Oakland during a visit there in the past year, and returned to Honolulu about five months ago, and has been confined to the hospital for some time. Mrs. Sachs was a quiet little woman, who enjoyed a wide circle of friends, and was accustomed to entertaining frequently, but quietly. She was a resident of Honolulu for a great many years.

SOUTH SEA KING RETIRES.

LAYAYETTE, Indiana.—Christmas Island, in the Pacific Ocean, near Singapore, will have to find a new king, for its present ruler, John Davis Murray, a Purdue University graduate, was married recently in London to a woman who prefers civilized domesticity to savage royalty. Murray will, therefore, abdicate. His college friends received this information from him today. Murray as manager of a phosphate company's interests on Christmas Island, had been made king of the islanders so that he should have sufficient authority over the natives.



AMERICAN SHIP DIRIGO, REPORTED ASHORE ON MOLOKAI.